

THE WITCH'S CITADEL.

By CARMEN SYLVA (Queen of Roumania).

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When you ascend the valley of the Carpathians, from the rapid stream of the Prabhova river, the mountain, Baba Cetatia, or the Witch's Citadel, is concealed from view, as it lies behind the Bulegi, where it rises conelike, and has the appearance of being covered with ruins on its summit.

Beyond these ruins extend afar the regions of perpetual snow, which are bounded by the fastnesses of the Jipi, or twin mountains. A very, very long time ago, at that period when the lion would lie down with the lamb and when the fierce eagle would mate with the tender dove, there stood there a proud and lordly castle which was the center of continual movement. Many persons came and went the long day through, and active feet frequently crossed its threshold. A brilliant light burned there throughout the night, and above the constant humming of a spindle might be heard the chanting of a sweet, weirdlike melody.

The passersby would glance upward with looks of terror, while they murmured, "She is still at her spinning, then!" For the Baba, or witch, was the keeper of the castle and was a wicked old sorceress, to whom the gnomes brought nightly huge nuggets of gold, gathered from the bowels of the earth. From this gold it was that she spun the betseles, or long streams of gold thread, which form the head adornment of every Roumanian bride during the marriage ceremony.

Many bushels of gold were measured and sorted by her at dead of night, and woe to the unlucky earth spirit whose measure was found wanting, for he must expiate his fault by being thrust betwixt the trunk and bark of a gigantic forest oak, which held and pressed him until he rendered up the last grain of the precious metal, or perhaps he would be affixed to a tree by his beard and night-writes and shriek to his heart's content, for the Baba would turn a deaf ear to all lamentations. Because of this hardness of character, and also because her exterior was as hard and dry and as wrinkled and gnarled as a knotted oak, she had been surnamed Baba Coaja, or Old Mother Bark.

'Twas she alone who possessed the secret gift of spinning these betseles, of which she had prepared and laid up so large a store that it would suffice for many centuries to come.

This Baba Coaja was blessed with a sweet young daughter named Alba, a maiden of surpassing beauty, white as the snow which spread its eternal mantle over the mountain's summit. Delicate as the bloom on a ripening peach was her cheek, her soft brown eyes like velvet, and her hair more golden than the threads spun by her terrible mother.

Alba was always kept carefully concealed from the sight of men, for the Baba feared that any one, on seeing her, should ask her hand in marriage, and that she might thus be deprived of her chief aid, for Alba was skilful and lightened her labor. She it was who wound off the webs of thread and arranged it in piles, each pile of which contained sufficient betseles for the needs of brides for a century to come. Her task was wearisome, the more so, because her mother, while she spun, chanted the most terrible maledictions and evil wishes to fall on the heads of the brides who were destined to wear these betseles.

Alba's heart was heaving when she thought with sorrow of all the adversity which was being prepared beforehand for innocent heads, and she set about to form a plan for averting it.

During the absence of her mother one day she placed herself at the spindle and spun a whole piece of gold, her mind only occupied the while with wishes for happiness and good fortune for those who might wear it. On her return, Baba Coaja soon discovered this, and flinging herself in a grievous upon her daughter and beating her threw on the ground in a heap all the golden veils, crying out:

"Never shalt thou marry until thou hast singled out thy own work from among that of the rest." The Baba in reality was very glad to have found a pretext for keeping her daughter with her, more especially as it had been foretold that Alba was destined to misfortune and an early death.

This lovely child was the sole creature in the whole world whose she loved, but in spite of the efforts she now made to render Alba contented and happy, and the costly gifts lavished on her, nothing could bring back the color to her cheeks or the light to her eyes, for the only boon which she craved, her liberty, was now denied to her.

With ardent longing she desired, were it but for an hour or two, to stroll under the shade of the majestic old trees which grew and spread out their branches at the foot of the mountain, on whose summit she vegetated.

Here, on the high peak, only short stubby grass meagerly clothed its black crest, and here the cruel winter time was of much longer duration than that of summer. She grew sad and dejected as the wind howled and stormed, shaking the old castle to its very foundation, and she would sit for hours gazing into the log fire, watching its sparks, her mind almost a blank, for she seemed to be thinking of nothing. At times she listened to the weird, wild songs of her mother, the humming of whose spinning wheel was drowned in the war of the tempest outside, and she mused on the cares and the sorrows which were being interwoven with the golden strands and asked herself why this should be when the beautiful sun was permitted to gladden all its nature and to shed impartially its bright ray over all. She found it impossible to understand this problem and would fall asleep weary of conjecturing.

All the great heaves of gold in the cave appeared exactly alike; nevertheless she would ascribe human forms to

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Alba, having much against her will sorted gold all morning, was now making her toilet. She bathed her face and hands in perfumed waters, combed her long soft hair with an ivory comb, bound her brow with a double fillet of rare pearls and placed an Alpen rose at one side. Her robe was of soft stuff, clasped at the waist by a golden girdle, over which fell a mantle of rich green velvet affixed to the shoulders by chains of priceless pearls.

Round her snowy throat was a string of emeralds large as pigeons' eggs. These were gifts brought to her by the gnomes. She could not see the sheen of her beautiful yellow tresses glistening on the pile of the thick velvet, and either her mirror lied to her or she saw quite the reverse of reality, for she struck her face and exclaimed: "How ugly I am! How terribly ugly! Perhaps because of this my mother hides me from the sight of men and gives me such handsome dresses and splendid jewels, which are only fit for a queen to wear. Perhaps she does this in order to console me for my want of beauty."

Precisely at this moment came the sound of a horse's hoofs along the stony crags, and her eyes, transfixed with terror, perceived the beautiful stranger whose life was to be the price of his mad venture advancing toward the portals of the citadel.

At all risks she must warn him of his danger. Springing from rock to rock nimbly as a young chamois, her bright hair and green mantle streaming in the wind, she sped toward the young stranger, her tiny feet scarcely skimming the earth as she went. Struck with admiration on perceiving her, the prince reined in his steed, asking himself what king's daughter, what mountain fairy, was this speeding toward him. Now she cried, quite out of breath and waving her lovely arms toward him:

"Go back! Go back! Do not come up higher on the mountain, as you value your life."

"Were death to be the forfeit," said he, "I should die quite happy after having been, blessed with the vision of the most beautiful maiden ever seen on God's earth."

At length Alba stood before him. A faint blush tinged her maiden cheek, as, looking at him in wonder with her splendid large eyes, she said, "Am I, then, really beautiful?"

"Oh, yes, so marvelously beautiful and so altogether enchanting with thy rich golden hair, that from this very moment I love thee dearly."

"I love thee also," said the innocent maid for she was not aware that in the society of mortals one must not so readily reveal one's secret thoughts, "but do not say that my hair is golden, for gold is so ugly!"

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"Gold ugly!" replied the prince, laughing. "Well, I never heard that before. Are you so accustomed to its sight that you really consider it ugly?"

"Ah, that is quite true! I see nothing but gold, gold, instead of green trees, mountains, mortals—only gold and always gold."

She stretched out her arms, and turning round exclaimed:

"Oh, how much I should like to ride on your beautiful beast! It is the first horse that I have ever seen. May I touch it?"

"Why should you not? You may caress it also and then mount with me, and we will gallop about as long as you please."

So, bidding her place her foot upon his boot and taking both her pretty hands within his own, he drew her quickly up to the saddle bow, passed his arm around her slender waist, spurred his fiery steed, and they started off at a gentle canter. He thought she might perhaps be afraid, but the mountain child, unconscious of danger, felt no fear.

As soon as the way grew less perilous the prince gave rein to his horse, and they galloped along beneath shady trees and across flowery meadows for many miles.

Alba screamed with delight, clapped her hands and cried out:

"Faster, still faster, please!"

Going at this headlong speed soon brought them to the vicinity of the city, which had to be traversed before reaching the royal palace, and which was situated at the other extremity on the summit of a hill. On seeing these streets and houses Alba became uneasy and asked:

"Are those men which I see there? Does not the wind blow down those small houses?"

"No, dear," replied Prince Porfia. "The wind with us blows not with such violence as it does on thy mountain home." Then he called out:

"See, my people, I bring you your future queen, a marvelous flower which I have plucked from the side of a rock."

"But I am not a queen," cried out Alba, alarmed.

"As I am the king's son, and as thou art my promised bride, thou wilt be my queen," answered the prince.

"What sayest thou? Thy bride! But my mother has always said that I should never be permitted to marry."

"She said that knowing that none other than I was destined to possess thee, and that thou art not a wicked man, then?"

"No, dear, I am not so very wicked."

"But my mother told me that all men were dreadfully wicked, and that I must on no account have any intercourse with them."

"Who, then, is thy mother?"

"I know not who she is. I only know that she spins golden thread continually."

"She spins thread of gold! For what purpose, then?"

"For laces to wear on their wedding day, but I will have no gold thread at my marriage," added Alba and quickly raised her hand to her head as if to ward off the perilous contact.

"Thou must wear the betseles when we are married," replied the prince; "otherwise the whole country would be scandalized. Come, dear, this is my home, so let us enter, and I will present thee to the queen, my mother, to whom I beg of thee to comport thyself gently."

"Is she old and ugly, then?"

"No, she is beautiful, and as proud as she is beautiful."

Proud! What is the meaning of that? asked Alba. Porfia looked with astonishment into her innocent eyes. These were clear and pure as the sunlight. He clasped the maiden to his breast, and throwing the bride to a lackey alighted from his steed and lifted down her slender form with great tenderness and gave her his hand to lead her up the steps to the palace. Soon they entered a spacious hall, where was seated a tall, majestic lady, surrounded by a bevy of fresh young girls, who were all of them occupied in spinning yellow silk.

At the sight of the handsome pair upon whom the glorious rays of the setting sun fell in deepest splendor as they crossed the portal the work was suspended, and the young girls drew near and gazed in delighted wonder.

Permit me to salute thee, thou marvelously beautiful queen," exclaimed Alba, falling at the queen's feet, who immediately raised her up and tenderly embraced her.

"I see that thou spinkest also, but thy work is infinitely finer than that of my mother's. Thine is fine and delicate as snowflakes on the petals of mountain flowers."

"Tell me, fair child, what does thy mother spin?"

To be continued.

EAST WATERFORD. Mrs. Nellie Rogers has returned home from South Paris, where she has been on a visit.

Jim Connors, a man cutting wood on the Russell lot, took a very bad crash in his leg just above the knee with a birch hook, last Tuesday.

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Stocks and bonds owned by the Company, market value, 6,724,588.75

Loans secured by collateral, 14,800.00

Cash in the Company's principal office and in banks and cash items, 816,769.49

Rents and accrued interest, 20,625.68

Premiums in due course of collection, 1,632,817.37

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the Company at their actual value, \$10,819,629.29

LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1897. Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$ 510,742.29

Amount required to safely reinsure all outstanding risks, 4,809,083.79

Total amount of liabilities, except Capital Stock and net surplus, \$ 5,319,826.18

Capital actually paid up in cash, 1,250,000.00

Surplus beyond capital, 4,249,766.11

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4-6 FRIEDLAND HOWE, Agt., Norway, Me.

PROBATE NOTICES. To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. The following matter was given presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER, a newspaper published at Norway, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1898, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

AMOS C. FRYE, late of Fryeburg, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Mary E. Frye, the executrix therein named.

GEORGE CROOKER, late of Norway, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Helen A. Crooker, widow.

DANIEL R. HILL, late of Norway, deceased; final account presented for allowance by A. A. Jones, administrator.

HORACE W. OXNARD, minor child of Frank S. Oxnard, late of Norway, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Mary Alice Oxnard, guardian.

CHARLES L. JOHNSON, late of Albany, deceased; petition for an allowance out of the personal property of said deceased, presented by Inez Johnson, widow.

ELBRIDGE G. ALLEN, late of Norway, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Louisa D. Allen, the executrix therein named.

LUCY A. EASTMAN, late of Fryeburg, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof, and the appointment of Otis Warren of Fryeburg, as administrator with the will annexed, presented by Ann E. Eastman, sister.

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Coming Events.

Feb. 3-1. O. O. F. concert, Hatch & Skillin
Concert Co., Norway, Opera House.
Feb. 5—Dance, Norway Opera House.
Feb. 5—Assembly, Denmark's Hall, West Paris.
Feb. 5—"People's Party" dance, Ryerson Hall, Norway.
Feb. 8—February term Supreme Judicial Court at South Paris.
Feb. 10—Lecture, Rev. I. A. Bean, M. E. Chapel, West Paris.
Feb. 10—Lewiston District Methodist Ministers' Meeting, Bethel.
Feb. 18—Clerk's Hall, Norway Opera House.
April 29-24—Maine Methodist Conference, Norway.

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The Free Baptist quarterly meeting is held at West Paris, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Cyrus B. Heald, Sumner, O. P. Saunders, Sweden; Fred J. Dunbar, Hebron, are the remaining traverse jurors not published, last week.

The Maine Statesman, published at Lewiston, is not very big, but O. my, isn't it fearless and bright! It just as soon do battle with a mountain as a fly.

An Oxford County man remarked, the other day, "My wife will not believe anything she reads unless she sees it in the Advertiser. When she reads it there she says she knows it's so."

On Friday night, there was a rear end collision on the Grand Trunk railroad, near New Gloucester. A long freight train, bound west, was standing on the track when another freight containing goods from the English steamers came along and crashed into the rear end of the first train. Two cars were set on fire and destroyed. The conductor of the train which was at a standstill, had his year's earnings in the caboose and lost them all, the car burning up before assistance could arrive to extinguish the flames.

Ex-Governor Harris M. Plaisted died at Bangor, Monday morning, aged 88 years. He was a native of Jefferson, N. H., and graduated from Waterville College and Albany Law School. He practiced law at Bangor. He served in the army during the Civil war, reaching the rank of brigadier general. The Republicans sent him to the Legislature, gave him three terms as attorney general and one term in Congress. He afterward united with the Greenback party and finally with the Democrats and was elected governor in 1880 by a fusion of the opposition to the Republicans. Since then he has been editor and publisher of the New Age at Augusta, but for several years his son has had the management of the paper.

The Next County Fair.

When that great event takes place on the grounds between Norway and South Paris villages, next September, the public will find extensive improvements. At the trustees' meeting, Wednesday of last week, it was voted to spend \$300 in improving the track, to build twenty-four covered double stalls for cattle and to thoroughly renovate the sanitary arrangements. The premium list was revised, none but minor changes being made.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$700 on hand, all bills paid and the State stipend of \$500 still due. Superintendents of the different departments at the next fair were chosen as follows:

Grounds—J. A. Roberts, Norway; H. D. Hammond, Paris.
Stock—John Wyman, Norway Lake; E. W. Penley, West Paris.
Horses—W. S. Starbird, South Paris; J. W. Libby, North Turner.
Hall—Chas. H. George, Hebron.
Committees—H. D. Hammond, Paris; J. A. Roberts, Norway.

EAST BUCKFIELD.

Mrs. Sarah Dunn is at Bowdoin with her son Horace.

On account of bad traveling, our cream gatherer missed two of his trips. Where is that weather predictor that prophesied, last fall, that we should have no snow till February?

Adelbert Dunn has gone with his team to work at Sumner Hill, Charlie Maxin, jr., is to work at Dell Dunn's.

Charles Cox, formerly of this place, is around, calling on old neighbors and friends. It is reported that he intends locating in Maine.

All the farmers in this vicinity have harvested their ice crop and it is of very nice quality. They cut it and haul it from Jersey pond.

Lizzie Spaulding Shaw is improving. She has been sick with diphtheria, the past two weeks. Her son Warren went back to school, Monday, Jan. 31. Heat-stroke school at Auburn.

Prof. Daves is training a class of minstrels, which will give a concert in the near future. The professor also has another class in Canton. Mr. Daves is well qualified for the business.

The first part of last week, it was snow and some blow, and the breaking of roads. The last part of the week, the cold wave struck us, and it is reported that there has not been so cold a time before for forty years.

ANDOVER.

The dancing school is flourishing. The Methodist people cleared at their last circle, \$12.00, beside a general good time.

Harry Thomas will soon return from the hospital, although another piece of bone will have to be taken from his arm. Aunt Dolly Proctor, as she was familiarly called, died, Jan. 22, in Mexico. Her remains were brought here for burial.

The board of managers of the Oxford North Agricultural Society met on Saturday and appointed the following superintendents for the several departments: Grounds, R. L. Melcher; stock, J. Halton Abbott; horses and colts, John F. Caldwell; races, C. T. Poir; hall, E. M. Bailey; hall under grand stand, H. D. Hanson; marshal, L. M. Hovey. The annual fair to be held, Sept. 21 and 22.

OTISFIELD.

Mrs. Estelle Stone is quite sick. H. M. Cushman has 200 eggs in his incubator. Simon Scribner is hauling spruce for Nutting & Stone.

There was a hard-time sociable at Christian Endeavor hall, Friday night. The thermometer registered 38 below in some places in town, Saturday morning.

George Scribner is to haul the pine timber on the Newcomb and Andrews lot (formerly owned by K. G. Edwards) to Pleasant pond.

WEST MINOT.

Ed Cloutier of Oxford was at his father's, J. B. Cloutier's, Saturday.

Saturday morning was a Klondike weather, 36 degrees below zero. There is to be a dancing school here, a week from Friday night, Arthur Hall of Buckfield, teacher.

The grange are to have an all day meeting, next Saturday. Chester Minot Grange is invited to meet with them. Mrs. Eliza Atwood, who has been in Auburn and Mechanic Falls, the past two months, returned home, last week.

DIXFIELD.

Arno Howard recently bought a horse of A. D. Wentworth.

H. O. Stanley returned home, last week, from a trip to Florida.

40 below zero at Dixfield station, Saturday morning, Jan. 29th, the coldest here for years.

J. W. Buzzell of Mexico has had four men and six horses here doing a birch job for W. S. Marble.

There is a lot of factory cheese in this vicinity which has been held for a rise, but no rise has come.

W. S. Holman has leased his stand at Dixfield Center to Geo. Chase for one year and moved to Nat Fletcher's farm.

Cox & Keen Co. have bought a team and are doing the most of their trucking from the depot and their mill to the store in the village.

Denison S. Marble fell and broke one of his ribs recently. A physician was called and made him as comfortable as one could be with a broken rib.

BOLSTER'S MILLS.

Ernest Gay is on the sick list. Edith Turner who has been at Harrison has returned home.

Christiana Cook, who has been seriously ill, is much improved. John Knight is much improved and rides out often though still lame.

Mrs. Ireson Greene is sorely afflicted being confined to the room with very sore eyes, being blind-folded and suffering much pain. Mr. Greene is very feeble also.

Irving Parker of Otisfield is giving entire satisfaction as instructor of our school. He has the respect of all his pupils and the villagers rejoice to see good discipline where lax government has too long prevailed.

SUMNER HILL.

Iver Lowe was at Charles Cushman's Sunday.

W. D. Morrill is failing. His daughter Ella is with him.

Mrs. Hollis is at Paris visiting her sons, A. F. and L. W. Hollis.

Willie Keene and Amanda Flagg of North Buckfield were married, Jan. 19. John Davenport and family, George Noyes, wife and son and Mrs. Thorne were at Mrs. Davenport's, Sunday, the 30.

James Bicknell, Willie Bisbee and Dell Dunn of Buckfield are hauling cord wood to Sumner Hill for F. L. Barrett. They board at S. G. Barrett's.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

Mertie Bonney is at home.

Mayhew & Bennett's Orchestra played at Bryant's Pond, recently. They furnished first-class music.

Harry Buck and Shirley Bonney are hauling rock maple lumber. Will Harlow is hauling for Mr. Dunn.

C. B. Harlow's school closed the 28th ult. with an exhibition the 29th. Our school closed, Friday, the 21st, a very successful term.

John Flagg is saving ice at Buckfield and North Buckfield. His wife has been quite sick but is gaining. Agnes Flagg is at work for her.

Amanda M. Flagg of this place and Will Keene of West Sumner were married, Jan. 19. They will make their home in West Sumner. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

BRYANT'S POND.

The meeting of Pomona Grange, which was to have been held here, today, has been postponed, on account of bad weather and two feet of snow.

It is expected that the Gould Academy Quartette of Bethel will give an entertainment at the Universalist church, Saturday evening, Feb. 5. They come well recommended. Give them a good house.

The Universalist society held their annual parish meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20. Officers chosen were: treasurer and secretary, H. L. Libby; board of trustees, H. F. Houghton, Geo. Q. Peckham, J. L. Bowker; janitor, G. B. Whitman.

NORTHWEST ALBANY.

Mrs. Thomas Morrill is very feeble. Mrs. Cyrus Rolfe returned from Rumford, Thursday.

Bertha Brown is stopping with her brother, Milford Brown.

Victor Mason made a short visit to his aunt, Mrs. Cyrus Rolfe, Sunday.

John Gerry has gone to Berlin, N. H., to get two men for George Rolfe.

Man and wife wanted to carry on a farm at East Oxford. See ad. and write Geo. O. Robinson, 12 Forest St., North Cambridge, Mass.

(Written for the Advertiser.)

Off Told Tales.

Performing a Message.

The young lady with the sable cloak rushed into the telegraph office and rapped sharply on the counter with the ink-stand. The clerk came forward to see what she wanted this time.

"Oh," she said, "let me have that telegram I wrote about fifteen minutes ago. I forgot something very important. I wanted to underscore the words 'perfectly lovely' in acknowledging the receipt of that bracelet. Will it cost anything extra?"

"No ma'am," said the clerk as he handed her the message.

The young lady drew two heavy lines beneath the words and said:

"It's awfully good of you to let me do that. It will please Charlie much."

"Don't mention it," said the clerk. "If you would like I will put a few drops of nice violet extract on the telegram at the same rate."

"Oh, thank you, sir. You don't know how much I would appreciate it. I'm going to send all my telegrams through this office, you are so obliging."

And the smile she gave him would have done any one good to have seen, with the possible exception of Charlie.

Freeze the Caterpillar Out.

A noted Oxford County grower of apples was warning himself before the roaring fire in a Norway grocery, Saturday, in company with others. It was very cold, the coldest that the oldest inhabitant ever knew. Saturday, 28 degrees below zero. At several places it was reported even colder than that.

"Well," said the apple grower, discussing the weather, "I hope this cold will be cold enough to kill the caterpillar eggs."

"What makes you think they will freeze?" asked some one.

"I never heard of caterpillars in Klondike," was the reply.

How a Man Got His Roof Cleared.

Norway's postmaster formerly lived on Main street but a year or more ago he sold his house and built another on Danforth street. After the recent snow storm he engaged Mr. J. — to clear his roof from snow. Still the snow remained and the ice froze and the water began to back up into the house till it became quite serious. At this stage of affairs the postmaster saw Mr. J. —

"Why don't you shovel the snow off my roof?" was the first question.

"Mr. J. — looked his astonishment. 'Where do you live?' said he. 'Don't you live on Main street?' naming the house Mr. Postmaster formerly owned.

The fact was Mr. J. — had neatly cleaned the snow off the roof of the wrong house.

Strange Freak of Love.

A young man and a young lady fell desperately and many friends thought unreasonably in love at first sight.

They decided that the only thing to be done was to be married, and the engagement and fast approaching marriage were announced. The young man's friends advised and reasoned with him and urged him to wait till he and his intended should become better acquainted.

"Why," he said, "I am perfectly satisfied and my mind is as fully made up as though I had known Miss M. — a thousand years."

"But it has only been about two weeks since you first met her, since she first came here, and you knew nothing about her did you before that?"

"She was at Old Orchard when I was there, last summer."

"Q. Then you were acquainted with her there?"

"No, I did not see her."

How to Save Time.

If you would be popular, do not waste time trying to make a man think how clever you are. Have him think how clever he is. It is not difficult.

Our Smart Children.

Mrs. A. said—"You say your baby doesn't walk yet? Mine does. Same age, too. Your baby cut his teeth yet?"

Mrs. B.—"No."

Mrs. A.—"Mine has, all of them: Your baby talk?"

Mrs. B.—"Not yet. Can yours?"

Mrs. A.—"Great Scott, yes!"

Mrs. B. (desperately)—"Does he shave himself or go to a barber's?"

A Two Headed Man.

"That young man of yours," said the observing parent, as his daughter came down to breakfast, "should apply for a job in a dime museum."

"Why, father," exclaimed the young lady in tones of indignation, "what do you mean?"

"I noticed when I passed through the hall last night," answered the old man, "that he had two heads upon his shoulders."

The Whitewash Wooley.

In a certain Oxford County town, some years ago, there was an eccentric man whose services to the nation in her hour of peril had earned him the title of captain. Being a widower, he lived alone.

But as age came on he began to realize the necessity of companionship. He was still in rugged health and of equally rugged mentality. One day he drove several miles to where a poor widow woman had a habitation all by herself. He was invited into the house. The widow and her son had a long conversation, dealing with the weather, crops, neighbors, etc., but he adroitly introduced a personal topic, told her that he was tired of living alone, had been thinking of getting married again, and asked if she didn't think it would be a good plan for him to get a wife.

She answered him: "Well, all I've got to say, Captain, is that you've come to an awful poor place for anything of that kind." "The old man jumped from his chair in a horror-struck manner and shouted: "Good Lord, marm, I hope you didn't think I meant you, I was only telling you about it."

CANTON.

Carrie Swasey has returned from Montreal.

A number of Hebron students attended the winter term of the University of Maine.

Myrtle Holt of Portland is visiting friends in town.

Fred Dyer has opened a law office in Bradford's block.

Those who have not put their ice in will now have some extra work to get it.

Prof. George F. Towle of Amesbury, Mass., is in town; also Fred Hollis of Portland, and Perry Oldham and friend of Hebron.

James H. Howes of New Sharon, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, visited Whitney Lodge the third of February.

Mrs. John Thompson died very suddenly at her home on Pleasant street, in this village. Her remains were taken to Waterville for interment.

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The Children's Corner.

Summer, Jan. 31, 1898.
DEAR EDITOR.—As my letter did not get into the waste basket, I will write again. I will tell you what I can do. I can wash dishes and cook and sweep and make beds and sew and knit and crochet and edge. I have two grandfathers, one lives at my house. He is sick and I help wait on him when I am not at school. I think the answer to Arminia Strout's riddle is a cow. I will close by sending you a riddle: Down on the meadow there is a red heifer, give her hay she will eat it, give her water she will die. Your little friend,
BERTHA A. STURTEVANT.

Casco, Maine, Jan. 29, 1898.
DEAR EDITOR.—I thought that I would write to your paper as I have not written for a long time. I go to school and study reading, arithmetic, spelling, history, geography and grammar. My teacher's name is Irving W. Kemp. I like him very much. I think the answer to Arminia Strout's riddle is a cow. I wish some girl or boy would answer my riddle that I put in the paper some time ago. I will close with a riddle: Two legs I've got which never walk on ground but when I go or run one leg turns around. I can't think of any more to write so good-bye.
MAE GRACE BARTON.

Norway, Me., Feb. 1st, 1898.
DEAR EDITOR.—I am a little girl 8 years old. I have for a pet, a cat. I go to school. My teacher's name is Hattie Cragin. I like her very much. It is a very stormy day. If this escapes the waste basket, I will try to write again. Yours truly,
MAUD PIKE.

Methodist Ministers' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Lewiston District Methodist Ministers will be held at Bethel, Feb. 14-16. The centenary of Methodist preaching in Bethel will be observed at the same time. The program for the meeting is:

- Monday Evening.
7.30. Praise Service led by W. S. Wright.
8.00. Sermon by Rev. G. D. Holmes of Brunswick.
Tuesday Morning.
9.00. Devotional Service led by G. H. Young.
9.30. Papers.
1. The music hall movement. Its significance and probable outcome. E. S. Stackpole.
2. How far can evangelical churches unite with liberal churches on a religious platform? G. D. Stanley.
3. Present day preaching. What should be its characteristics? What distinctive need particular presentation? G. A. Brooks.
4. A. A. Pottle.

Tuesday Afternoon.
1.30. Devotional Service led by A. T. Craig.
2.00. Address by Rev. W. S. Wright.
1. History of Methodism in Bethel. A. Hamilton.
2. Methodism in Oxford County. G. B. Hamanford.
3. Distinctive doctrines of Methodism. D. E. Holt.
4. Changes in Methodism during the century. F. A. Leitch.
5. Modifying influence of Methodism on other denominations. W. B. Eldridge.

Tuesday Evening.
7.30. Praise Service led by Prof. W. S. Wright.
8.00. Address—Our Might Methodism. F. A. Leitch.
Wednesday Morning.
8.30. Devotional Service led by R. A. Rich.
9.00. Papers:
1. District ministerial meeting—Would its effectiveness be increased by dividing the districts into two or more parts, each having its own ministerial meeting? G. W. Bryant.
2. A district ministerial by conference. What would be its advantages? H. A. Bean.
3. How to increase our people's knowledge of the Bible? H. C. Wilson.
4. Quarterly conference committees—How to make them of practical value. J. H. Trask.

Book Reviews:
1—Zeno's Elements of Highest Criticism. J. A. Corey.
2—Hall Caine's "The Christian." J. L. Hoyle.

The Monetary Conference.

The monetary conference met in Indianapolis and approved the plan of the commission which is set out as follows: "1—To remove at once and forever, all doubt as to what the standard of value in the United States is, and is to be."
"2—To establish the credit of the United States at the highest point among the nations of the world."
"3—To eliminate from our currency system those features which reason and experience show to be elements of weakness and danger."
"4—To provide a paper currency convertible into gold and equal to it in value at all times and places, on which, with a volume adequate to the general and usual needs of business, there shall be combined a quality of growth and elasticity through which it will adjust itself automatically and promptly to all variations of demand, whether sudden or gradual, and which shall distribute itself throughout the country as the wants of different sections may require."
"5—To so utilize the existing silver dollars as to maintain their parity with gold without imposing undue burdens upon the treasury."
"6—To avoid the issue of interest bearing bonds, except in case of unlooked for emergency; but to confer the power to issue bonds when necessary for the preservation of the credit of the government."

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New England Sportsmen.

Everybody is talking about the big sportsmen's show to be given by the New England association in the Mechanics' building in Boston, which, with its six acres of floor space and its elegant appointments, is undoubtedly the finest and best equipped show building in the country.

The association is said to be spending some \$20,000 in the construction of a big artificial lake, an Indian village, a game park, rifle and revolver ranges and other entertaining features, and reports from contractors give promise of many displays by exhibitors on a scale of novelty and elaborateness never before attempted.

Big game—elk, moose, caribou, deer and wild boar—are coming from the Corbin game preserves in New Hampshire; also bear and many smaller animals.

The Rocky Mountain sheep ("big horn") and goats are coming from the west. These are extremely shy and few are ever seen within range. A sportsman is accounted either an excellent shot or a lucky fellow who brings one down. They are rarely seen in captivity and will be viewed with great interest by the sportsmen of New England.

The game park will be surrounded by wire fencing, and will, as closely as possible, simulate a forest inclosure.

The United States government will make a live fish exhibit of great magnitude and variety. Swimming about in huge glass tanks will be countless specimens of the finest game fish in America, including several varieties of trout and landlocked salmon, some of the latter weighing from six to ten pounds each.

There will also be a hatchery exhibit, demonstrating the evolution of fish life from the spawn to the small fry and fingerlings, and on to maturity. This feature is certain to prove of intense interest to the great army of fly fishermen.

New Brunswick will be represented by a superb collection of live game animals and many mounted specimens, vying with Maine in an exhibit of her game resources and accessories, which will undoubtedly prove a revelation.

Maine is keenly alive to the grand opportunity, and Rangely, Moosehead, Aroostook and Dead River regions will all be represented by hunters, trappers and guides, and by live specimens of the finest moose, elk, caribou and ever captured, several of these animals being of phenomenal size. Maine will also send many trophies of the hunt and several facsimiles of sportsmen's camps in the wilderness. Several of the most celebrated guides will be in attendance.

Canada, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland will also be represented, each government having under consideration a respective and comprehensive exhibit of its own.

The membership of the New England Sportsmen's association, while, to a certain extent, local, includes many gentlemen of national and international reputation. Prominent among them are United States senators and congressmen, New England governors and mayors, and high officials in the provincial governments. The membership list will probably exceed 1000 before the sportsmen's show opens its doors.

The exhibition will open March 14, and will continue for ten days. The general manager's offices are at 216 Washington street, and the secretary has a large force of clerks at work in the Pierce building, Copley square.—Boston Herald.

EAST WATERFORD.
Some farmers are getting up their firewood for next season, but find it quite difficult breaking through the deep snow. Ice cutting is now a hard business owing to the great depth of snow which has settled in the morning, some eight to twelve inches of water to the surface.

Mrs. G. F. Ames is caring for Mrs. Holt, who is still alive but apparently near her end, her mysterious disease having assumed a new form both painful and dangerous.

The winter term of school taught by Ethel Nelson closed, Friday last. Miss Nelson has been in this place, and well attended. Miss N. seems to have the requisite of a first-class teacher judging from the general interest and progress of the pupils. Friday evening, a fine entertainment was given at the schoolhouse, consisting of recitations, dialogues, singing and music by Mr. Dube on the harmonica, which was highly enjoyed by old and young, in spite of the severely cold weather.

WHERE PORTLAND LOST ITS CHANCE
During the year 1770, the province of New Hampshire constructed a road from Portsmouth, N. H., to Canada, through Gilmanton, to secure the trade of Canada, and for the purpose of inducing Britain to make that harbor a naval station. The same year, the British government directed a survey of a route from Falmouth Neck (now Portland) to Canada. The surveyor went over very nearly the track of the Cumberland and Oxford canal, following the various ponds, thence to a point on the Androscoggin river not far from West Bethel, thence a road to Quebec. His idea was to tap the river, build a canal to head navigation and have water communication with Falmouth. In the meantime, Captain Mowatt had made a thorough survey of the harbor. The design of the government was to make this a naval station for the British fleet in North America. Instructions were given to commence the work. Timber was cut, hauled to the eastern Maine shores, and vessels began loading. A gentleman at the latter place informed the continental authorities (which letter is now in existence) of the projected station. Orders were given that men be brought here and ordered to guard Falmouth harbor, and the expedition was delayed. At the time of making the treaty the British wished and urged that the line between the two nations should be the Piscataqua river, thereby giving them this port for the establishment of this naval station. If the British had accomplished this, Portland would now have been one of the busiest cities in the Union. Instead of being a city of 40,000 there is no town in the place that could have reckoned its population by hundreds of thousands. Legislation would have been by the Canadian Province driving the trade of the Canadas, now given to New York and Boston, to this port. Taken with the immense amount of money expended at a naval station, we should have been a prosperous seaport. Now, after one hundred and twenty-eight years, we are moving for part of that which we could have had so many years ago.—[Argus.]

Samuel L. White will soon open a drug store at West Paris. Mr. White is a registered pharmacist and was formerly connected with the Sturtevant store at South Paris.

GILEAD.

Elbridge Pike from Waterford is in town, Saturday, the 22d.

Charles Bartlett from Newry was in town, Jan. 25th, on business; also Howard Thurston from the same town called on J. W. Bennett, Saturday, Jan. 29th.

Harry Wright is reported as being on the sick list. He is suffering from the effects of broken toe which his physician thinks will have to be amputated.

The Wild River Lumber Co. are sending away a good deal of lumber, this winter. It is very lively at their mill at Hastings. There is a vast amount of lumbering done in the Androscoggin Valley. The amount annually is estimated at 190,000,000.

George Leighton finished his logging job at Carrigan, N. H., last week, and came home, Friday. He is now helping his brother, John Leighton, who is operating at Sibelburne on what is known as Pea Brook. They will put about 1,000,000 feet of spruce on the Androscoggin at that place.

B. F. Hicks was thrown from a load of wood, a few days since, while descending a steep hill. It was feared that he had broken his shoulder, but upon the arrival of a physician, who was at once summoned, it was found to be only thrown out of place. Mr. Hicks is out again, we understand, and in a few days will be at work.

LOVELL.

E. S. Farrington was in Norway, last week.

Business is at a standstill. Too much snow.

They have a young daughter at W. M. Benton's.

Rev. C. S. Young and wife have been sick this week, with bad colds.

George Eastman and wife have returned to South Paris, where he works in the sled factory.

Some of our young people went up over the pond to a drama, Saturday night. They report a good time and a fine play.

Monday night we had a heavy fall of snow, 18 inches, with a high wind. The roads are all blocked up. 4 1/2 feet of snow in the woods.

F. C. Walker and John Joscelyn with six horses spend most of their time with the snow roller. They make good roads cheaper than they used to with the old sled and steers. Yet some kick for old times again. Such is life.

J. E. Farrington, our new postmaster, took the office, Feb. 1. Our old postmaster, J. A. Farrington, leaves the office with the goodwill and best wishes of the patrons of the office that he has served so well for the past four years.

Aaron Jones' horses ran away, Monday. They started from the grist mill and went up Main street. W. C. Bassett made a good run for them but missed the rear end of the sled and fell down. No rain into E. S. Hutchins' yard. No damage done.

EAST SWEDEN.

Mrs. C. H. Brown is sick quick.

D. T. Adams has bought a cow. Dan will buy or sell any day.

C. H. Spears, Morris Howe and Bion Pike are hauling timber from the Marr and Brown lots.

J. W. Nevers and wife have lately joined the Bear Mountain Grange at South Waterford.

Dorrence Knight and A. J. Brown have recently gone to chopping for Howard Morrison on the Swan lot.

Sidney Grey, while at work for Ernest Pike cutting timber on the Marr and Brown lots, cut his foot quite badly so he had to be carried home.

Morrill Jewell has moved his family from the Aaron Brown place, South Waterford, into the rent vacated by H. H. Bisbee, some time ago, in E. W. Bennett's house.

Walter E. Gordon of South Waterford has bought Guy Hilton's team and takes his place hauling timber for Howard Morrison.

People have always noticed that dogs, cats, cattle and horses took an especial liking to William Pease, who lives on a high hill just over the Harrison line, and now everybody is talking about the strange daily spectacle on the Pease farm. Since the setting in of extreme cold weather and the fall of a foot or more of snow, deer, foxes, squirrels, rabbits and partridges have been visiting the farmhouse daily for rations.

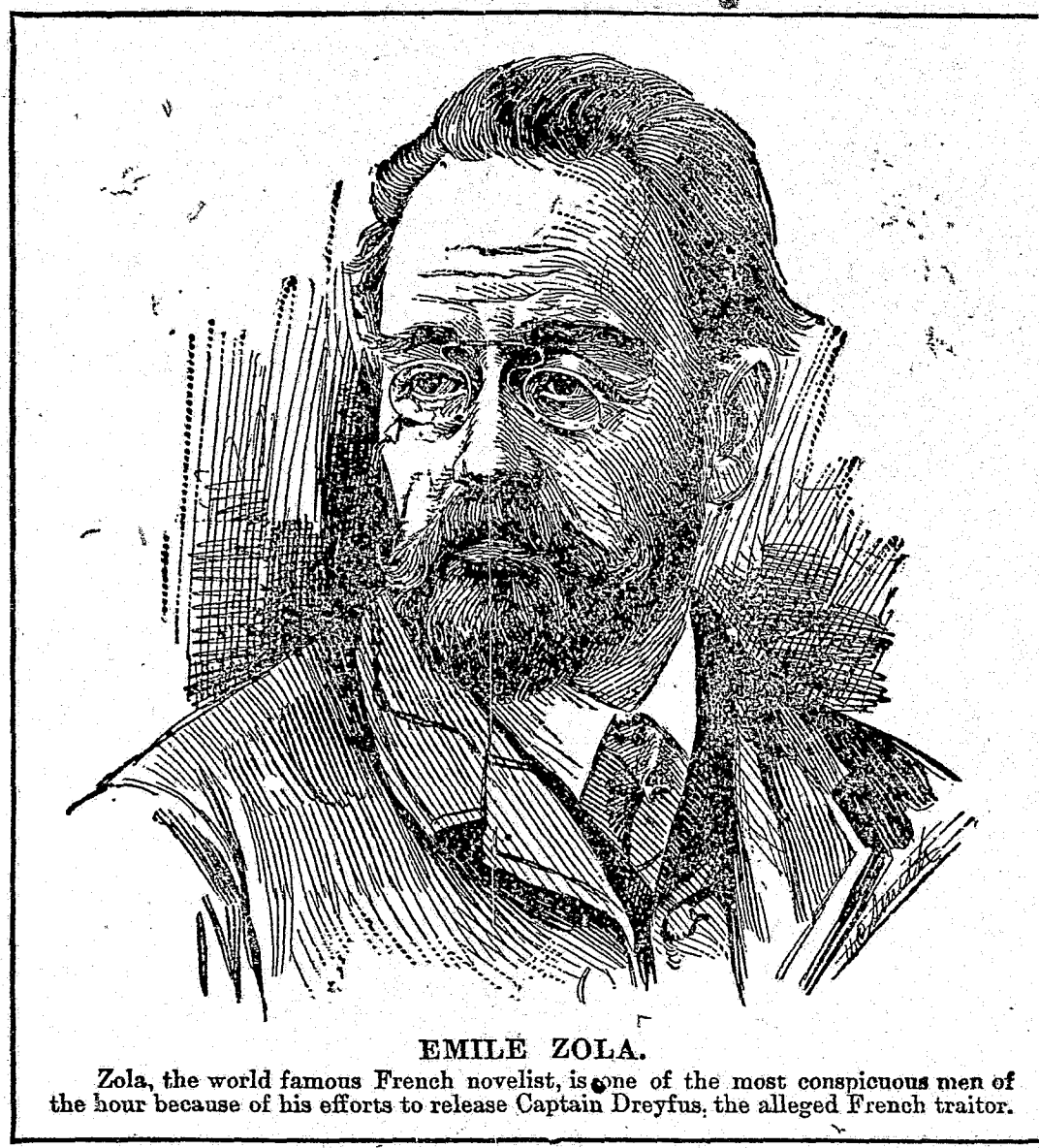
The first to appear was a yearling doe. She walked into Mr. Pease's dooryard one day and stood looking at the farmhouse. Mr. Pease took his gun from its accustomed corner and was about to shoot the doe when the expression on her face caused him to pause.

"I was just a-going to let her have it," he said, "when something seemed to say 'Don't,' and I lowered the gun and stood a-lookin' at her. She didn't seem to be afraid, and I walked toward her. At first she seemed inclined to edge away and not let me touch her but I began to talk to her and she walked right up to me and licked my hand. I went into the house and she followed me right in, and I fed her on some cabbage and cut up some apples for her."

"When she seemed to have satisfied her appetite she acted a little uneasy, and I took her out in front of the house. She lingered around for a few minutes and then went away into the woods. Two days later she came again and brought a buck with her, but the buck wouldn't come very near and would make off every time I started toward him. I fed the doe again, and ever since then, which was two days after Christmas, she has come to see me regularly."

On being asked if wild animals or birds had ever before allowed him to approach or touch them, Mr. Pease said: "Oh, yes; red squirrels often come right into the house, and partridges the wildest birds I ever saw—have lit right in the dooryard and taken a square meal of corn which I always throw out to them. Last winter an old fox used to come around to see me, but he would never let me lay hands on him. He was a hunter, too, but I guess some of the hunters in Paris or Norway either trapped or shot him, for he has not appeared for months."

Rabbits are very fond of Mr. Pease, and winters, when cutting cordwood, he has often had the pleasure of their company in the clearing where he worked. Two gray squirrels have made Mr. Pease's house their home all winter, and they roam from kitchen to attic at will.—[Field, Forest, Shore.]



EMILE ZOLA.
Zola, the world famous French novelist, is one of the most conspicuous men of the hour because of his efforts to release Captain Dreyfus, the alleged French traitor.

REMARKABLE GLOBES

THE MAGNETARIUM IS AN APPARATUS INTERESTING TO GEOGRAPHERS.

Designed to Reproduce the Phenomena of Terrestrial Magnetism and Secular Changes of the Horizontal and Vertical Components.

M. Wilde recently presented to the French Academy of Sciences an apparatus which he calls a magnetarium, and which is designed to reproduce the phenomena of terrestrial magnetism and the secular changes of the horizontal and vertical components.

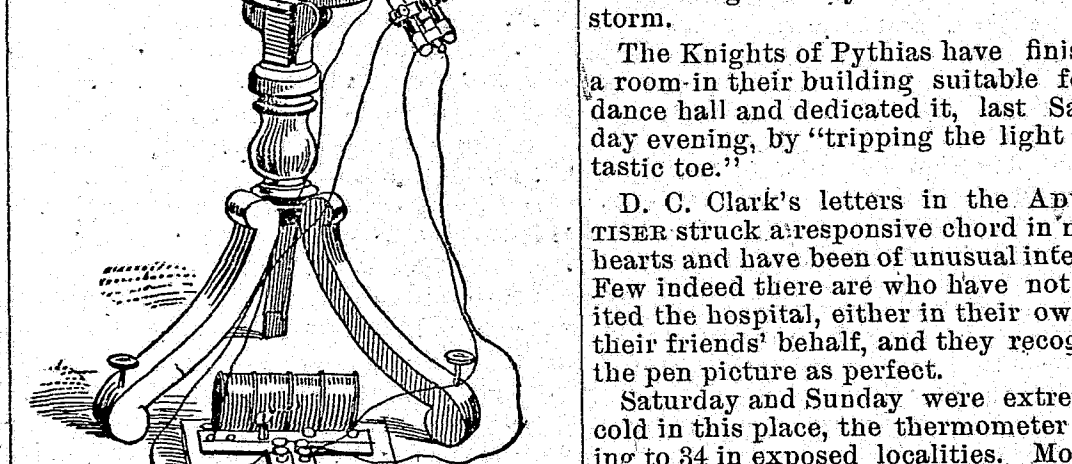
The apparatus consists of two terrestrial globes, one of which revolves within the other. An insulated copper wire is wound around the inner globe, the axis of which makes an angle of 23.5 degrees with that of the outer one, so that its equator revolves in the plane of the ecliptic. The interior surface of the globe is likewise provided with a winding of insulated wire, and the surface of the seas covered with thin steel iron, in order to cause a difference between the magnetism of the terrestrial and maritime regions.

The axes are provided with insulated rings, which revolve along with them. Copper brushes in contact with these rings cause electric currents to pass around the surface of the globes. By means of a train of epicycloidal toothed wheels a slow differential motion is communicated to the internal globe, thanks to which there may be accurately reproduced the principal phenomena of terrestrial magnetism and the secular

variations of the declination and in relation that have taken place for the last three centuries at London, the Cape of Good Hope, St. Helena and Ascension island.

The period of time that corresponds to a difference of one revolution in the rotations of the two spheres is 960 years, and the annual retardation of the electro dynamic sphere is 22.5 minutes. This period compresses all the different secular variations of the magnetic elements upon the different parts of the terrestrial surface.

The apparatus likewise reproduces the various elements that follow: (1) The inequality of the periods of declination upon the same meridians in the northern and southern hemispheres are observed during the short period of western elongation at London (160 years) and during the long period of western elongation at the Cape of Good Hope (372 years) and at St. Helena (356 years); (2) the simple displacement, in one direction or the other, of the dipping needle for the double movement, forward and backward, and of the declination needle, as it has been observed since the year 1723 in the continuous diminution of the dip for the British islands during the motion of the declination needle toward the west and its return; (3) the changes of dip in an opposite direction upon the same meridian in the northern and southern hemispheres, as observed during the present period in the dip that diminishes in the British islands and increases at the Cape of Good Hope, St. Helena and on Ascension island, and (4) the rapid increase in the dip in the vicinity of the Atlantic node of the magnetic equator (17 minutes per annum), as observed in the first place by Sabine in the Gulf of Guinea and at St. Helena, as well as the western progression of this node itself.—Nature.



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Much Talked of Public Men.

An exchange says:—As the annual spring election approaches, the street corner and grocery orators, who give in general more attention to other people's business than to their own, begin to direct their eloquent energies towards the shaping of the next town government. These fellows do not know much about it; they are not familiar with its needs, nor with the uses to which the money raised has been put; but they have acquired the art of "kicking" once a year. Of course they have as citizens a perfect right to their own opinion but the trouble is, it frequently occurs that other men with infinitely better judgment are induced to accept the "kicker's" opinion without looking into the case for themselves. If these grand objectors who never offer a helpful suggestion to an official has to the proper discharge of his duty, but who make it a point once a year to air their disapproval of what has been done, would show their courtesy by following their affairs closely during the whole year and thus be in a position to express an opinion worth something, their judgment might be considered of some value, but as a rule they are chronic fault-finders who enjoy nothing quite so much as croaking over the official failure of men whom they may have themselves helped elect. Nothing has been done right. The record of the municipal year is one of sometimes unseasonable blunders but more often of intentional mismanagement.

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Leave Norway for Portland and Lewiston.
6:30, 9:30, a. m.; 4:15, p. m.
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9:25, a. m.; 3:30, 7:53, p. m.
*Including Sunday.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.
A fire escape has been put on the Grange Hall.

The public library have just received another box of new books, fifty in number.

Rev. B. S. Ridout preached in the South Paris Congregational church, Sunday afternoon.

Icebergs are sharp as swords when they descend point downward from the roofs of buildings. Look out for them.

Charles McPherson recently received a prize of a gold watch and chain from the "Woman's World" in a word contest.

Blanche V. Yeaton of Penobscot, Mass., daughter of Thomas T. Yeaton, formerly of Norway, is attending the Salem Short-hand College.

Freeland Howe and Dr. H. P. Jones attended the Portland Commandery Knights Templar's 570th convocation at Portland, Thursday evening.

The officers of the Oxford County Agricultural Society held a meeting, Wednesday. The dates fixed for fair are Sept. 20, 21, 22. The prize list remains about the same as 1897.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk railway for the week ending January 14, 1898, were \$486,250, for the corresponding week of 1897 they were \$386,272; increase for 1898, \$77,121.

Saturday, people awoke to find that the night had left behind it the coldest morning in a long term of years. The lowest temperature we have heard of in the village was 35 degrees below 0.

Sixteen Years Ago
The Farrington residence, Rockland, Me., was painted with F. W. Devos & Co.'s paint. It's still in good condition; so say Farrand, Spear & Co. of that city.

RUMFORD FALLS.
Johnnie Baker is at home from Montreal where he attends college.

Dr. Ryan is able to be out. He was confined to the house about a month.

John Ireland of Newport visited his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Crowell, last week.

Lena Chadwick has gone to Cambridge, Mass., to spend the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Harry Elliott is in charge of Mrs. Wheeler's millinery store while the proprietor has the measles.

Measles are raging in the Swain & Reed lumber camps. There are also several cases in this place.

Joseph Lebrunne has bought the old brick yard on the Swain road and will operate it during the coming season.

J. W. Sewall of Bangor was badly hurt about the chest by a falling tree, while working for John French. He was obliged to give up work and go home.

Evangelist Taylor closed his labors with Rev. J. D. Graham and the Baptist people, last week. Mr. Graham and the church workers are continuing the meetings through this week.

Twelve-year-old Jennie Gauthier went to Lewiston, the other day, with her father, to see the physicians there about a sore in her side. There is a prospect that she will have to undergo a surgical operation.

During 1897 there were 50 marriages, 97 births and 41 deaths in the town of Rumford. A majority of the deaths were children of foreign parentage, among whom cholera infantum ranked in the heated season.

Deputy Grant Sachem, Fred N. Saunders and staff of Lewiston raised up new chiefs for Wawanunka Tribe, I. O. R. M. as follows:

Sachem, C. W. Jordan.
Senior Sachem, James Shea.
Junior Sachem, E. A. Dolloff.
Keeper of Records and Collector of Wampum, W. O. Raynes.
Prophet, Geo. L. Gammon.
Keeper of Wampum, Eliza Pratt.

Grand Chancellor E. C. Reynolds, of Portland assisted by Deputy Grand Chancellor J. A. Kenney of South Paris, acting Grand Prelate F. L. Starbird of South Paris, acting Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Waldo Pettengill of Rumford Falls, and acting Grand Master at Arms E. L. Rounds of Rumford Falls installed the officers of Metallic Lodge, K. of P., as follows:

C. C. H. C. Dutton.
V. G. W. O. Raynes.
E. M. Corson.
M. of W. V. A. Kimball.
M. of E. J. E. Stephens.
M. of F. Gardiner Gray.
R. of R. and S. M. E. Hersey.
M. of A. P. Edwards.
I. G. C. P. Eaton.
O. G. D. Cole.

The installation was public and the hall was crowded with Knights and invited guests. Rev. J. A. Hoyle offered prayer, there were speeches by the Grand Chancellor and others, singing by R. M. Woods and Prof. W. S. Wright and a double quartet and humorous selections by E. L. Starbird, J. E. Stephens, in behalf of the members, presented the Lodge a fine portrait in heavy frame of Hon. Waldo Pettengill, who has given the order valuable service in this place.

For Weak Men with Nervous Debility.
Weak men suffering from nervous debility, weakened powers and exhausted vigor can now take new hope. Dr. Greene, 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., the most successful specialist in curing this class of diseases, offers to give free consultation by letter to all weakened, nervous and nerve exhausted men. Write him immediately. He will explain your case so you can perfectly understand your condition. He will cure you with his wonderful strengthening and invigorating medicines.

SOUTH WATERFORD.
Freeland Adams is at work for H. W. Green.

It is estimated to be about 2 1/2 feet of snow in this vicinity.

Josephine Gerry made a flying trip to Portland, the past week.

Gertrude Whitcomb is stopping with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Green.

Bethel Monroe intends going to Hyde Park, Mass., the last of the week.

Lewis Merrill goes to Bethel, the last of the week, to work for Ed Sanderson.

George Marr and Will Haynes recently purchased some stock of John Lord in Albany.

Mrs. Lucia Whitcomb is taking care of her father, Josiah Plummer, who got seriously wounded, a few days ago.

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PRESIDENT DOLE OF HAWAII.
Sanford B. Dole, who is now the guest of the United States, is in this country to quietly advocate the annexation of Hawaii.

Penitentiary Labor vs. Free Labor.
We hear continually about penitentiary reform, though seldom see any fruits of reformation. The antagonistic lines of penitentiary reform have been drawn sharply the last few years in our country. One class of advocates favor hiring out the penitentiary inmates to corporations and individual contractors as slaves; while the workingmen's associations oppose criminal slave labor competing with free labor. Strong arguments have been used on both sides but the question remains unsettled.

In every civilized country ruled by humane minds and laws there can be but two objects in establishing the penitentiary: first to restrain the criminal so he cannot perpetrate his offenses upon others, and second to reform the criminal. Without doing the former the penitentiary would be of no value to the world, without doing the latter it would be but little less than the French Bastille of the dark ages and antagonistic to modern religion, modern sentiment and progress.

Nothing can be said in favor of farming out the convicts to corporations. It is contrary to the spirit of our law. There is nothing in the laws of our nation or the statutory laws of our commonwealth that looks to the enslavement of our criminals for personal selfishness. Our criminals are slaves of the state, sentenced under the laws of the state, in custody and safe keeping of the state and to do labor for the state during the time of sentence.

There is nothing in our laws (and it would be hazardous if there were) that looks to abusive or cruel treatment or neglect of the criminal ward of our commonwealths. It is a principal in law that any government, corporation or person is responsible for the health, life and reasonable comfort of any person or persons committed to them after they have accepted the charge.

The hiring out of our convicts to mercenary corporations or individuals has always resulted in extreme cruelty to the convict slave. As a rule he is half starved, over-worked and brutally treated, and beaten half to death for not doing what he has not strength to do.

If the convict is sentenced to confinement and put upon half rations and the state gives him but scant rations and consequently he dies, the state has violated the law against him as much as he violated the law against another and furthermore the state or official representatives are responsible and should be held answerable for his life.

The unfortunate convict sentenced by the state to the care of the state to do hard labor and to have certain rest and certain food, if farmed out to a mercenary corporation or individual and by the state employed to the pittance, of which he was sentenced, fed less food and given less sleep, and as a result of this excessive servitude he loses his health and life, the state or officials of the state who caused, connived at, brought about or permitted this abuse of their charge, are as responsible for his suffering, the loss of his health or life as if they had brained him in the felon's cell.

The farming out of convicts to labor has always been attended by cruelties, sufferings and evils so great and virtuous (if any) so few as to make the custom detestable, and a nauseous sore in the eyes of civilization.

The point made in the complaints urged by the working men's organizations of the country against convict labor being pitted against free labor are well taken. The goods manufactured by convict labor can be and are sold cheaper than the same goods manufactured by free labor. And for the manufacturer employing free labor to compete in selling his goods in the market with the manufacturer employing convict labor, would either ruin his manufacturing company or else cut down the pay of his employees to the pittance, of which the convict laborer, from the fact that labor is the principal expense in all manufacturing, is made.

This competition if it should become general would soon reduce our workingmen to servitude and the more reduced our workingmen are, the more likely they be to violate the law and become convicts out of absolute necessity and thus the convict competitor would increase and reduce still lower the wages of free labor; consequently the workingman is right in his protest against legislation in favor of convict labor.

The law that will grind the poor workingman down, first to necessities, then to servitude and finally to a state of no less virtuous a law, the opening of tyrants and despots than a law that would starve the workers of our country to skin only, and then rob them of their skin.

On the other hand not to give work to the convicts of our country, not to allow them to labor, would soon change every penitentiary in our country to a hideous, howling mad-house. It would mean to the crazing of his faculties, the preservation of his body by law, but the electrocution of his mind.

The remedy—on the one hand I would

elevate the condition of the convict, on the other hand I would prevent convict labor under any circumstances competing with free labor.

The convict is the imprisoned child of the state; the bad boy of the "state family" and the state is morally and legally bound to deal with him justly if not generously, honestly and humanely, if not liberally.

If I were in the legislature, I would press the laws governing the following points:

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NORWAY AND VICINITY.

A fire escape has been put on the Grange Hall.

The public library have just received another box of new books, fifty in number.

Rev. B. S. Rideout preached in the South Paris Congregational church, Sunday afternoon.

Idoles are sharp as swords when they descend point downward from the roofs of buildings. Look out for them.

Charles McPherson recently received a prize of a gold watch and chain from the "Woman's World" in a word contest.

Blanche V. Weston of Peabody, Mass., daughter of Thomas T. Weston, formerly of Norway, is attending the Salem Short-hand College.

Freeland Howe and Dr. H. P. Jones attended the Portland Commandery Knights Templar's 570th convocation at Portland, Thursday evening.

The officers of the Oxford County Agricultural Society held a meeting Wednesday. The dates fixed for fair are Sept. 20, 21, 22. The prize list remains about the same as 1897.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk railway for the week ending January 14, 1898, were \$405,393; for the corresponding week of 1897 they were \$393,372; increase for 1898, \$12,021.

Saturday, people awoke to find that the night had left behind it the coldest morning in a long term of years. The lowest temperature we have heard of in the village was 35 degrees below 0.

Sixteen Years Ago

The Farrington residence, Rockland, Me., was painted with F. W. Devos & Co.'s paint. It's still in good condition; so say Farrand, Spear & Co. of that city.

RUMFORD FALLS.

Johnnie Baker is at home from Montreal where he attends college.

Dr. Ryan is able to be out. He was confined to the house about a month.

John Ireland of Newport visited his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Crowell, last week. Lena Chadwick has gone to Cambridge, Mass., to spend the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Harry Elliott is in charge of Mrs. Wheeler's millinery store while the proprietor has the measles.

Measles are raging in the Swain & Reed lumber camps. There are also several cases in this place.

Joseph Lebrun has bought the old brick yard on the Swain road and will operate it during the coming season.

J. W. Sewall of Bangor was badly hurt about the chest by a falling tree, while working for John French. He was obliged to give up work and go home.

Evangelist Taylor closed his labors with Rev. J. D. Graham and the Baptist people, last week. Mr. Graham and the church workers are continuing the meetings through this week.

Twelve-year-old Jennie Gauthier went to Lewiston, the other day, with her father, to see the physicians there about a sore in her side. There is a prospect that she will have to undergo a surgical operation.

During 1897 there were 50 marriages, 97 births and 41 deaths in the town of Rumford. A majority of the deaths were children of foreign parentage, among whom cholera infantum raged in the heated season.

Deputy Great Sachem, Fred N. Saunders and staff of Lewiston raised up new chiefs for Wawanunka Tribe, I. O. R. M. as follows:

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SOUTH WATERFORD.

Freeland Adams is at work for H. V. Green.

It is estimated to be about 2½ feet of snow in this vicinity.

Josephine Gerry made a flying trip to Portland, the past week.

Gertrude Whitcomb is stopping with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Green.

Ethel Monroes intends going to Hyde Park, Mass., the last of the week.

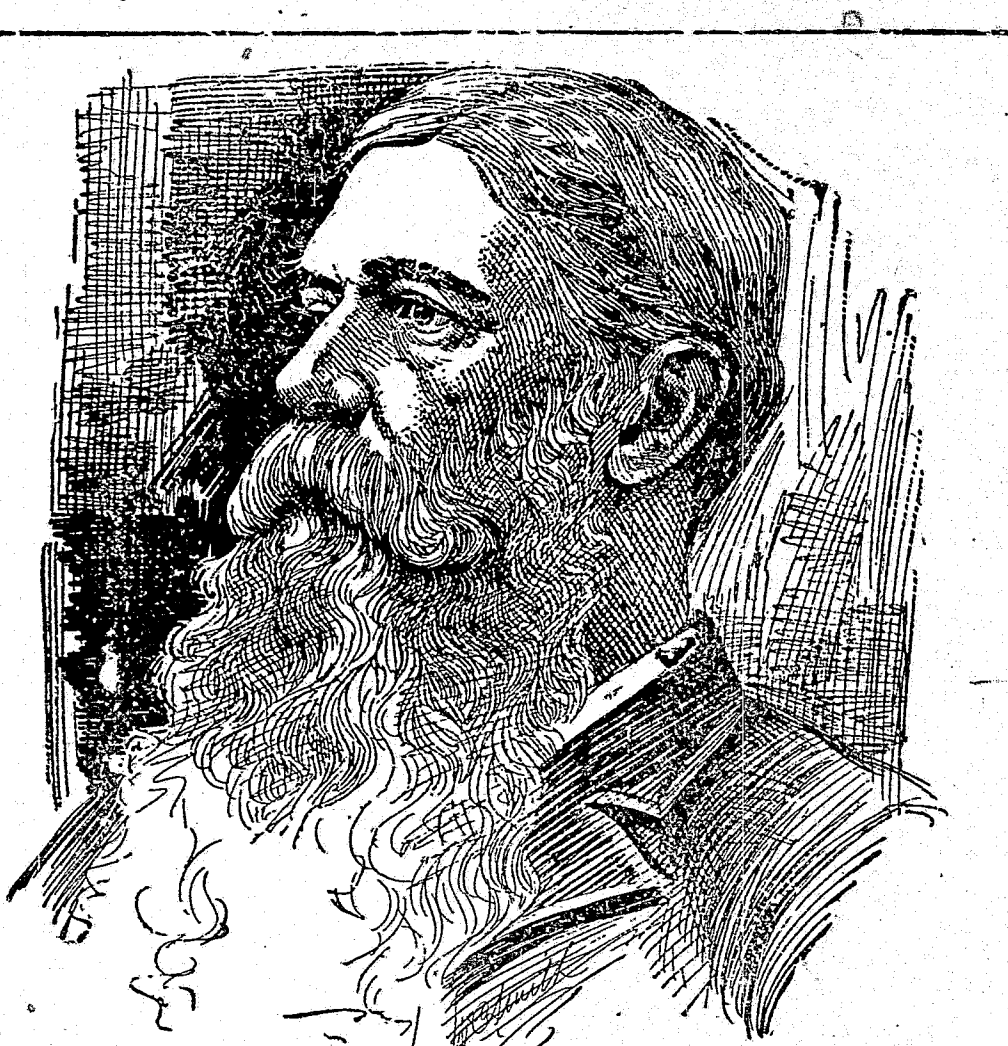
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Penitentiary Labor vs. Free Labor.

We hear continually about penitentiary reform, though seldom see any fruits of reformation. The antagonistic lines of penitentiary reform have been drawn sharply the last few years in the United States. One class of advocates favor hiring out the penitentiary inmates to corporations and individual contractors as slaves; while the workingmen's associations oppose criminal slave labor competing with free labor. Strong arguments have been used on both sides but the question remains unsettled.

In every civilized country ruled by humane minds and laws there can be but two objects in establishing the penitentiary, first to restrain the criminal so he cannot perpetrate his offenses upon others, and second to reform the criminal. Without doing the former the penitentiary would be of no value to the world, without doing the latter it would be but little less than the French Bastille of the dark ages and antagonistic to modern religion, modern sentiment and progress.

Nothing can be said in favor of farming out the convicts to corporations. It is contrary to the spirit of our law. There is nothing in the laws of our nation or the statutory laws of our commonwealth that looks to the enslavement of our criminals for money, to either corporate or personal selfishness. Our criminals are slaves of the state, sentenced under the laws of the state to be in custody and safe keeping of the state and to do labor for the state during the term of sentence.

There is nothing in our laws (and it looks to be barbarous if there were) that looks to abusive or cruel treatment, or neglect of the criminal ward of our commonwealths. It is a principal in law that any government, corporation or person is responsible for the health, life and reasonable comfort of any person or persons committed to them after they have accepted the charge.

The hiring out of our convicts to mercenary corporations or individuals has always resulted in extreme cruelty to the convict slave. As a rule he is half starved, over-worked and brutally treated, and beaten half to death for not doing what he has not strength to do.

If the convict is sentenced to confinement and put upon half rations and the state gives him but quarter rations and consequently he dies, the state has violated the law against him as much as he violated the law against another and furthermore the state or official representatives are responsible and should be held answerable for his life.

The unfortunate convict sentenced by the state to the care of the state to do hard labor and to have certain rest and certain food, if farmed out to a mercenary, soulless corporation or individual and by this corporation individual is worked harder than provided by the law, which he was sentenced, fed less food and given less sleep, and as a result of this excessive servitude he loses his health and life, the state or officials of the state who caused, connived at, brought about or permitted this abuse of their charge, are as responsible for his suffering, the loss of his health or life as if they had brained him in the felon's cell.

The farming out of convicts to labor has always been attended by grime, sufferings and evils so great and virtuous (if any) so few as to make the custom detestable, and a nauseous sore in the eyes of civilization.

The point made in the complaints urged by the workingmen's organizations of the country against convict labor being pitted against free labor are well taken. The goods manufactured by convict labor can be and are sold cheaper than the same goods manufactured by free labor. And for the manufacturer employing free labor to compete in selling his goods in the market with the manufacturer employing convict labor, would either ruin his manufacturing company or else shut down the pay of his employees to the pittance, once paid the convict laborer, from the fact that labor is the principal expense in all manufacturing.

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But today to make up a face properly is to master an art having elementary rules as exact as those of a science. Perhaps a woman's glass tells her nature was not as lavish as it might have been, or the information may come from a truly frank friend. At any rate she is either engaged in a fair encounter with nature or in a war of fortification against time's siege. The old white powder has been superseded by brunettes, blond powder and natural complexion powder, all of which are used by direction of the druggist, who tells the expectant fair one exactly what powder will give a fair imitation of what has been or should be. The eyebrow pencil overcomes deficiencies in the eyebrows, and only a trained eye can detect the assumption of reality.—Philadelphia Times.

The short stories of the February Harper's are "A British Islander," by Mary Hartwell Catherwood, illustrated by Lucius Hitchcock; "Martin Farroner," by Marguerite Mackintosh, illustrated by W. T. Smedley; "Roan Barbary," a novelette of the turf, by George Hibbard; and "An Incident," the story of an attempted lynching, by Sarah Barnwell Elliott, illustrated by W. T. Smedley.

Work at the Bridgton Electric Light plant progresses rapidly and work will doubtless be finished so that the lights may be turned on by the first of the month. All the latest improvements have been used in wiring the town, so as to save all possible waste. A large number of stores and several halls and private houses are being fitted for the electric light.

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Just right to trim top, bottom and side.

Come in, come up, come over, come down,

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Annual Statement of Etina Insurance Co. Hartford, Conn., On the 31st day of December, 1897, State of Maine.

Incorporated in the State of Maine. W. B. CLARK, President. W. H. KING, Secretary.

Capital Paid Up in Cash, \$84,000.00. ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Real estate owned by the Company, \$100,000.00. Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$100,000.00.

Stocks and bonds owned by the Company, \$100,000.00. Loans secured by collateral, \$100,000.00.

Cash in Company's principal office, \$100,000.00. Interest due and accrued, \$100,000.00.

Premiums in the course of collection, \$100,000.00. Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the Company at their actual value, \$1,000,000.00.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$100,000.00. Amount required to satisfy all outstanding risks, \$100,000.00.

All other demands, \$100,000.00. Total liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$100,000.00.

Capital actually paid up in cash, \$100,000.00. Surplus beyond capital, \$100,000.00.

Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$1,000,000.00. F. R. L. H. H. V.

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W. H. KING, Secretary.
Capital Paid Up in Cash, \$4,000,000.

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Real estate owned by the Company, unencumbered, \$25,000.00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$6,000.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the Company, market value, 104,136.70
Loans secured by collateral, 3,600.00
Cash in Company's principal office and in branches, 784,811.96
Interest due and accrued, 766.12
Premiums in due course of collection, 622,782.89

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the Company at their actual value, \$129,089,088.96
Less: Reserve for unexpired policies, \$189,700.00
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$39,380.17
Amount required to pay all outstanding claims, \$3,117,167.94
All other demands against the company, viz: Commissions, etc., 108,613.11
Total liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$3,655,270.82
Capital actually paid up in cash, \$4,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, \$4,465,119.29
Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$129,089,088.96
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(Written for the Advertiser.)
Then and Now.

Bill Nye said "I would rather not know so many things that are not so," and perhaps some may take exceptions to what your correspondent thinks he knows, but having had a look at many branches (excepting professions) I should consider myself a dull scholar if failing to obtain a practical knowledge of some of them.

The young men of those days, meaning those of course who were possessed of ambition and enterprise, (there are drones in all ages) their principal business in the summer season was farm labor. Eight dollars per month for six or eight months and board was the ruling price, ten dollars being the exceptional for superior help. At the close of the season he would generally have the proceeds of his labor all in a lump. This would be put at interest, or, if of a speculative turn he would buy sheep and put them out to farmers to double in four years, or for a stipulated amount of wool per head.

All of a sudden this young man was the possessor of a farm, a home. He may have paid in full or half down, as was frequently the case, but he soon had it paid for barring accidents.

Fine apparel was tabooed, no fine turn-out on his hands, economy was his watchword, hence all this must be accredited to economy.

All cannot remember the "taller candle" when it was counted extravagance to burn two, unless on state occasions, where the house must be illuminated inside and out. Two or more fires must now be kept burning, furnaces of divers kinds and other things to match, whereas in the old times one room as a rule was all that was kept warm, and as the one candle shed so little light considerable sparking could be carried on in this.

Just these few points we mention as an illustration of the changes in a half century among the farming community. Another change causing a great amount of discussion is the matter of abandoned farms, and the question of placing men unskilled in the art of farming upon them by men of wealth.

Yes, but then, reclaim them and make summer homes of them, to philistines, and thereby benefit the community, but pray don't sentence the unskilled to such a fate, for where one of the craft cannot make a living, how would the man wholly unacquainted with farm work succeed?

A farm under a good state of cultivation, with good buildings, modern improvements, with a good water system can be bought for less money than it would require to purchase and reclaim one of the abandoned.

Lying before me is a deed of a farm dated 1825. Consideration \$900. Tax receipt—town, county and state—\$3.72. There have been times that that farm was far more valuable, but with the depreciation and from the late sales of farm property observed it may not exceed the old price, but how about the tax? Perhaps farm and stock 2 per cent. or more, \$25 to \$30. "Insurance?" The Old Monmouth Mutual was the company. From a file of receipts, no amount given.

Dec. 1, 1845, assessed \$1.00
Oct. 20, 1847, " .82
Mar. 10, 1850, " .63
Finally big salaries and bad risks by avaricious agents swamped the company. At the time of the failure I made inquiry of one of that company's agents for the cause. He told me that a great amount of business was done in the eastern part of the state, and the young men had gone away, the people were old, the

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buildings were old, the farms were run out and the people could realize more when they landed, hence the collapse. There are too many of the same class now, and it is thought there are thousands of dollars that go up in smoke, where it would be hundreds if there was no such thing as insurance, or, if honestly conducted, as it is now, the rates are becoming grievous to be borne.

Extravagance breeds corruption, and the farmers are sowing the wind to reap the whirlwind, by allowing unscrupulous men to make laws and vote away their money.

As farms depreciate, the taxes increase, the products of the farm are meagre, and the thousand and one things that the masses enjoy, he and his are anxious to share. And why not? Why should not the producer enjoy the fruit of his labor? But it is not so ordained.

The farmer can no longer hire labor. To succeed he must be strong and do his own work in order, as the term goes, "to make both ends meet after paying his ever increasing taxes, insurance, etc."

Yes, I have heard commercial men that were receiving perhaps one hundred dollars per month or more (and here it occurs to me is another inquiry) sigh for a farm, and then, after the statement, "I would be ashamed if I could not get a living on a farm." I for one would vote an abandoned farm to one of these at the state's expense; and

I have heard a young man, a son of a merchant, who knew nothing of the cost of a dollar but the taking from the till, dressed in faultless attire, hair split in the middle, say that he would be ashamed if he could not get a living on a farm, when, doubtless if the truth was known, his father owned farms by mortgage that he dare not take possession of fearing he might fare worse than if he let the mortgage remain and get what he could out of it.

The young man of to-day has so many ways for his money that those of fifty years ago never dreamed of that a home is a rare acquisition. A membership in clubs galore is essential to obtain a footing in society. He works from eight to ten hours, the former worked twelve and upwards. If the young man of to-day gets \$50 in his pocket, the life insurance agent is camping on his track and usually gets it. He has his wheel and then he begins the clamor for good roads and the newspapers join in the refrain.

Yes, we all desire good roads but for Heaven's sake try and equalize taxation by making the rich contribute their portion, and not seek to oppress the already overtaxed farmer by our ways.

Is there no remedy for such a condition of things? Not so long as men prefer to sink their individuality in the slough of corruption engendered by the money changers. Not so long as the young men will throw their inheritance of self reliance possessed by the youth of fifty years ago, to lie dormant. Not so long as he waits for something to turn up, or his father to die that he may get his hands on his life insurance. Not so long as he is not a corrupt politician, and men to make our laws, and traffic with each other at our legislatures at the expense of the people.

Why not arouse, ye farmers, Grangers and laborers, while lawyers and shopkeepers are slaving around and lying their wires for their candidacy; why not arouse and infuse some young blood made honorable by toil into our legislative halls. It almost seems a pity to go to the expense of convening a legislature so soon, as there appears but two bills of any great moment on the program, one in the interest of the guide, that no man shall fish or hunt without a guide (as this was doubtless the under-order of killing a deer and I mean to 1 deer and 2 men.

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Woman's Column.

There are now but five women in the Maine State prison, all of whom are serving life terms. They are: Mary Barrows, sentenced at Alfred, York County, Sept. 30, 1884, for the murder of her husband in Kittery; Mary Cowan, sentenced in Bangor, Feb. 18, 1896, for poisoning her step-son, Willis Cowan, in Plymouth; Ellen Dolly, sentenced in Portland, May 25, 1896, for the murder of her daughter's infant at Fride's Corner; Clara Gatchell, sentenced in Augusta, Sept. 21, 1896, for poisoning her husband in Bangor; Mary Glynn, sentenced in Bangor, Sept. 13, 1892, for the murder of her daughter's infant. Mrs. Glynn, 62 years of age; Mrs. Barrows, 56; Mrs. Dolly, 51; Mrs. Gatchell, 40; and Mrs. Cowan, 34.

Pretty good showing for the women when compared with the number of men, about two hundred, in the same institution. Perhaps it may be as some of the papers facetiously remark "bad men and women" but our jails and prisons don't show it. Surely the women must be better or smart enough not to be caught.

We were pleased to note the good resolutions adopted by the State Grange. Resolutions are good things to die by, but better things to live by. They should not be empty and adopted just as a mere form. When we go to a convention and adopt resolutions only to forget for good men for office and their broke and vote for a man that makes one ashamed to own it afterward, are we honest, are we good citizens?

The State Grange voted strongly in favor of the enforcement of the prohibitory law. As the women and children are sufferers, and as there seems to be no hopes of an improvement in any way by letting affairs alone, it is hoped the experiment of enforcing our laws may be tried. It is further hoped they may be thoroughly tried not for 5 minutes every now and then but for 5 years. If at the end of 5 years after the laws have been constantly enforced the trouble is found with the laws, then let us have other laws.

How Six People Manage a Household.

1.—My husband is a painter and we are not well off. My way of managing a household is this: He never loses any time through having to wait for breakfast. No matter how late he comes home I wait supper. No matter how little we have, the poorer we are the more happy I try to be. We have lived five years of this life happily without a quarrel.

2.—First, tell him how much better you think him than all other men. Make home attractive so that he is glad to come home, and I assure you that he will not regret of having married to be married.

3.—Feed the brute.

4.—Treat him exactly as you did before marriage; or in other words, try to hard to keep him as you did to catch him. Be always pleasant in his presence.

5.—When he is not in a pleasant mood do not say anything to him, but get a mouthful of cold water and hold it in your mouth until he is quite ready to speak pleasantly to you. This will avoid many a quarrel between man and wife. Don't let your husband see you take the water.

6.—First of all have patience, no matter how trying a man may be. I find the easiest way to manage my husband is to allow him to think he has his own way in everything. Feed him well, keep his clothes in good order and his socks mended. I keep the home as pleasant as possible and the children neat and clean. I find that a nice hot dinner agrees with him. I have been married many years and by following the above plan manage a self-willed man without any trouble. —[Turner Truth.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Canton.

The dedication service at the Odd Fellows' Hall at Canton occurred on Thursday afternoon last week, Grand Master A. L. F. Pike, esq., of Norway, presiding, assisted by Grand Marshal J. W. Crommett of Norway, F. O. Walker of Rumford Falls, District Deputy, acting as Grand Warden, Nathan Reynolds, Past Grand, acting as Grand Chaplain, Past Grand, H. H. T. Perrell, Wm. French, S. P. Bailey and Gustavus Hayford acting as Grand Heralds.

The service began with an opening ode by the congregation. The altar was built by seven stones; colors same as the seven degrees dominated—Purity, Friendship, Love, Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity, beautifully represented by seven Lady Rebekahs appropriately dressed in colors representing the same, the ladies being Abbie Johnson, white; Mrs. Julia Foster, pink; Ethel Hayford, blue; Mamie Coburn, scarlet; Mildred Woodward, green; Mrs. Lizzie Studley, gold; Nellie Stanwood, purple.

The services were performed in a dignified and pleasing manner by the seven degrees, dominated—Purity, Friendship, Love, Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity, beautifully represented by seven Lady Rebekahs appropriately dressed in colors representing the same, the ladies being Abbie Johnson, white; Mrs. Julia Foster, pink; Ethel Hayford, blue; Mamie Coburn, scarlet; Mildred Woodward, green; Mrs. Lizzie Studley, gold; Nellie Stanwood, purple.

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MISTAKES CORRECTED.
We think the reporter that sent in the report Jan. 21, that John Vail for the want of money and bail was taken to jail was not very well informed on the case, as his money could have been obtained in twenty-four hours, and there were several on hand to go bail, but he did not want either; he preferred 30 days in jail. The paper also stated Frank Vail also from vocal music by Prof. E. V. Newry instead of Gratton. A. E. VAIL, Newry, Maine.

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DENMARK.

Since the snow came the logging teams have been pushing business.

Fred Sanborn has three teams drawing birch down Moose pond to his mill.

Rev. Mr. Woodwell did not lecture here, last week, on account of the heavy storm and bad travelling.

I. H. Berry fell on the mountain in the road and threw his hip out of joint, it being his cripple leg, and is now helpless in bed.

Will Allen is cutting his pine on his south road and putting it to Moose brook. A. H. Jones is chopping and Clement Hartford is drawing it with his horses.

The Cong'l circle held a Candlemas festival, Monday evening, a little ahead of time, but they wish to attend the installation services at Fryeburg, Wednesday. E. H. Abbott is to be installed pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. Lyman Abbott of Brooklyn, N. Y., to preach the installation sermon, the pastor being his son.

A. D. Fessenden has 8 horses and is oxen drawing pine from the east side of Sand pond across Sand and Grandeur ponds down to the Moose brook, some three miles. Chas. McIntire and Arthur Jack are at work for him. Albert Trumbull and others are chopping for him. George Orcutt is drawing birch from the same lot to Augustine Ingalls' mill. Albert Walker is chopping for him.

Our Annual MARK DOWN SALE will commence Monday, Jan. 31, 1898.

We have some odd lots to close out for cash at very low prices. Look them over and see if there is not something you need:

Women's Kid Button, former price \$2.00 to 2.75, now \$1.50.

Men's Oxford, former price \$1.50, now 87c.

Children's Boots, former price 75c. to \$1.00, now 25c.

Men's Three-Buckle Overshoes, sizes 6, 6½ and 7, former price \$2.00, now \$1.25.

Men's Rubbers, former price 70c., now 50c.

Women's Croquet Sandals, former price 45c., now 25c.

Women's Storm Slippers, only 35c.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Overshoes and Ulsters, former price \$4 to \$10, now \$1.50 to \$5.

Lots of other goods at equally low prices. Remember the place and look in the window.

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ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Real estate owned by the company, unencumbered, \$ 385,585.72
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 1,566,537.50
Cash in the company's principal offices and banks, 201,280.96
Premiums in due course of collection, 230,630.01
Special agents' balances, 683.90

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$2,447,968.09

LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$ 228,848.29
Amount required to fully re-insure all outstanding risks, 1,454,772.77
All other demands against the company, viz.: commissions, etc., 50,000.00

Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$1,733,626.06
Surplus beyond capital, 1,713,523.03

Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$2,447,968.09

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ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Loans on bond & mortgage, interest, \$ 28,800.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 1,964,745.00
Cash in Company's principal offices and in bank, 133,846.48
Interest due and to be received, 5,889.59
Premiums in due course of collection, 224,092.11

Aggregate of all admitted assets of company at actual value, \$2,387,163.18

LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1897.
Net amt. unpaid losses and claims, 168,804.66
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, 1,905,728.83
All other demands against company, viz.: commissions, etc., 46,511.68

Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$1,011,103.17
Surplus beyond capital, 1,345,994.01

Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$2,357,103.18
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WEST PARIS.

You can buy a copy of this paper at F. W. Foy's Store for 4 cents.

S. B. Locke was in Portland, Monday. Bad colds and coughs are prevailing around here.

Minot Davis is through clerking for W. G. Morton.

Eva Twaddle of Bethel has been the guest of Della Ridlon, for a few days.

Frank Young and son Clyde of Bethel were at F. A. Young's, one day last week.

A baby daughter came to the home of Augustus Bacon and wife, Jan. 28—11 pounds.

Agnes Bicknell is at home from Portland where she has been working for the past few months.

Bertha Cushman of Bryant's Pond spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Ada Briggs.

Mrs. Albert Rider of Gorham, N. H., is caring for her sick sister, Mrs. Augustus Bacon, at present.

A good attendance and a good time reported at the Universalist circle entertained at Dunham's Hall, Friday evening, the 28th.

William Richmond who sustained a dislocation of his right shoulder, some three weeks ago, has so far recovered that he will soon be able to do light work.

Maud Pratt was down from Bethel, Friday, for a short visit among friends, when she unexpectedly came down with the mumps and she returned home, Saturday.

January went out like a lion. Bitter cold from Friday until Monday when it moderated down for a snow storm, which we did not need, and February came in, Tuesday, with a blizzard. Up to Tuesday noon at this writing not a train has gone over the road, not a team has been seen, the milkman has not put in an appearance, and still Jim Breeze is busy filling up the snow. We hear it remarked that it is the coldest time known for more than thirty years, and we believe it.

EAST HEBRON.

Mrs. Nath. Merrill has a bad cold and is quite feeble.

A general rush for ice, work is lively on the ponds just now.

Mrs. Willie Berry has had a severe attack of tonsillitis but is gaining now.

The Christian Endeavorers have removed the chandelier and hung a new lamp in church that lights the church much better.

The fortunate ones who raised apples are selling them for \$3.00 per barrel. Cyrus Ramsdell sold 30 barrels of Baldwin, last week.

The coldest weather for many years. The mercury was at 33 at Hebron Station on Saturday morning, and stood at 40 at some farmhouses.

Mrs. L. K. Hodsdon goes to Yarmouth, this week, to help care for Mrs. Aurilla Rogers, formerly of Turner, who is rapidly failing and requires much care.

Recently C. F. McKenney received notice of the death of his granddaughter, Mrs. Hattie Sturks of Auburn, and daughter of Charles A. McKenney of Auburn.

Mr. Saunders of Bates Divinity School returned on Friday, with Mr. Clark from that same college to sing. He, however, took a severe cold and was unable to carry out his program in music. Mr. Saunders gave a very able discourse on Saturday evening and Sunday. He is very energetic and interested in the work. It was remarked, last Sabbath, his discourse had never been surpassed in that desk.

BROWNFIELD.

Elmer E. Blake, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is slowly improving in health.

John McDonald is hauling pine timber from the Webb & Rowe farm to Saco river for S. M. Hobson.

Charles E. Hill has suspended work at his mill for a short time, to replace his old steam boiler with a new one.

The Broomfield Brass Band say they will give a masquerade ball at Town Hall on Feb. 8. They are to be followed by a drama under management of the Good Templars.

Irry Brown, an aged veteran soldier in the late war, is closely confined to his house. Comrade Brown served first in Co. K, 1st Me. Regt., after in Co. M, 31st Me. Regt., and is now nearly 79 years old.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

The ladies' circle meets, this week, with Mrs. E. E. Rounds.

A valuable horse of W. H. Stickney's was recently killed by another horse and cut quite badly.

Gatchell & Moulton are shipping quite a quantity of poplar and bark from the station at East Brownfield.

Eva Greely is keeping house for G. G. Mansfield while Mr. Mansfield is visiting friends in Providence, R. I., her former home.

Dehorning Cattle.

Dehorning cattle has been extensively practiced in many parts of the country. In the dairy sections, the need and advantages of dehorning are not as well understood as on the ranges where cattle run together in large herds. The subject is attracting attention just at present in this State and the bulletin on Dehorning now being distributed by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station will be read with unusual interest.

The following conclusions regarding dehorning are taken from the bulletin. Dehorning is to be recommended because dehorned cattle are more easily cared for than those with horns, and because dehorned cattle enjoy life better.

"A great deal of suffering is prevented by the removal of horns."

To dehorn mature animals, glippers should be used that will remove the horns perfectly at a single stroke and in a moment of time.

When it is skillfully performed, animals do not give evidence of great suffering as a result of dehorning. The tissues injured in dehorning are not very well supplied with nerves and they are quickly cut through. Good evidence that dehorning is not very painful is the fact that cattle will resume feeding immediately after being operated on, and the yield of milk in cows is not perceptibly affected.

Those who are familiar with the operation of dehorning and the results of it are its most enthusiastic advocates.

In the past, efforts have frequently been made to prevent the practice of dehorning on the ground that it caused needless pain.

This bulletin (No. 41) will be sent to all who apply to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Orono, Maine.

WEST BETHEL.

W. A. Farwell has bought a new harness.

George Cruce is pretty sick, at this writing.

Mrs. Nellie Holt was in this village, recently.

Frank Goodnow of Gorham, N. H., was here, last Saturday, to visit his parents.

Maud Merrow has been confined to the house with the grippe for the past week.

We were sorry to hear of the death of little Robbie, only son of Albert B. and Mabel Bean Davis, at Deering.

Prof. Cook has recently received a lot of new goods for his store. He has many rarities not often seen in a country store.

Mr. Deering has his new gojahn complete, ready for the ironwork. It is well made, very strong and will do good service.

Mark Leach of South Paris has relatives in this vicinity who feel sorry for his poor health and hope he may soon be better.

Byron Harden, brakeman on the railroad, has been at home about two weeks, attending to a case of lagrippe, but is now able to be out again.

Mrs. J. E. Pike, also Stella Scribner, show us some very fine fancy work which looks as if it would require considerable time and patience.

George Merrow, during his vacation, is working at the telegraph office, learning the work in all its parts, and qualifying himself for a telegraph operator and station agent.

Our village school closed, Friday, Jan. 21. Maud Merrow has been the teacher for the past year. Miss Merrow is a competent teacher and we have not heard the least complaint during the winter term. Through the earnest efforts on the part of the teacher, the school was supplied with an organ, which made a grand addition to the interest of the pupils, who learned to march, and their time, and step with the music was hard to beat. Their teacher felt very proud of them, and the organ was a grand assistant in singing. Those not absent during the winter term were Elmer Briggs, Edith Briggs, Grace Farwell, Vivian Rollins, Carrie Rollins, Ernest Rollins, Charlie Rollins, Gladys Fletcher, Lillie Mason, Etta Griffin. Those that did not miss a half day during the year were Grace Farwell, Etta Griffin, Lillie Mason, Edith Briggs. We think this is a pretty good record for the year. Grace Farwell lives over a mile from the school house. It seems to be the freely expressed desire that Miss Merrow continue in this school for the year to come.

SOUTH HARRISON.

Joe Pitts is on the sick list.

Warren Page is hauling birch to Naples.

Joe Strout has bought a cow of David Chapin of Naples.

Q. A. C. Buck is getting out timber to build a new barn in the spring.

James Thomes has a crew hauling birch between here and Edes Falls to Naples.

Royal Poland is frequently seen, driving by with his "donkey." He has got him pretty well broken.

Bradford Lakin yoked out eight oxen, the other day, and went to saw mill. Not many do that, but most anybody can harness eight horses.

School closes, Feb. 4, taught by Perce Morrison of Auburn. Miss Morrison is regarded as a fine teacher. Miss Jacobs of Bridgton has also taught a very successful term of school in the Lewis District.

Three feet of snow on the ground, and last Friday night the mercury was 30 degrees below zero. At Edes Falls, three miles below here, it was 30 degrees below zero. It reminds us of old times, when we were breaking out the roads.

Royal Poland's buildings had a very narrow escape from fire, recently. In the evening, a barrel of his was smoking when he got through he knocked the ashes out of his pipe into a box filled with sawdust, used as a spittoon, and pushed it under the lounge. Some time in the night, the box caught fire, and when they got up in the morning, about 4 o'clock, the room was full of smoke and flames. The lounge had begun to run on the walls of the room. It also burned a hole through the floor down into the cellar. In a few minutes more, the whole lot of buildings would have been burned without any insurance. So look out for your pipes.

SUMNER.

Flora Sturtevant is on the sick list. 30 degrees below zero, Saturday morning.

Mrs. H. W. Poland has been quite poorly of late.

Mabel Tuttle, who has been very sick, is convalescent.

G. F. Dyer sold one pair of his big oxen recently for \$198.

Lynn Dyer, who cut his knee quite badly a short time ago, is so to be out.

Mrs. Wesley Hammond, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is gaining slowly.

M. N. Varney has moved to Harrison Bonney's to care for Mrs. Bonney, who is very poorly.

Charles Cotton has moved his family to South Paris. Mr. Cotton is working for Wright Crockett.

Mrs. Ella Spaulding of Worcester, Mass., is visiting her father, W. D. Morrill, who is very poorly.

HARBOR.

Alvin Hall has gone to Massachusetts. May King of Sweden spent Saturday and Sunday with Edith Farrington.

Rev. Mr. Bragg was called to Sweden again, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pike.

David Bradley has bought the Marshall Walker farm. Mrs. Bradley is on the sick list.

The steer team spoken of in last week's items should read twelve steers instead of twelve yokes of steers.

Saturday and Sunday mornings were given up to suit the people here. They have no other fair weather and as there is snow enough for sledding they have no cause to growl about the weather.

The circle was largely attended, Wednesday last week, in spite of the bad travelling and an interesting programme carried out. Three dialogues by the young people, one by the children and music by chorus, sold by Mr. Bragg and a solo by Uncle Sam closed the programme, leaving the audience in Dixie, providing they followed Uncle Sam.

FRYEBURG.

Clarence Wiley was in Portland, Saturday.

Mrs. F. Tibbetts is visiting friends in Vermont.

George Hammons is in Conway for several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Howe has returned from Jackson, N. H.

January 28th the mercury registered 32 deg. below zero.

Mrs. Amos Frye has recovered from a serious sickness.

James Tarbox was home from Portland over Sunday.

Secretary B. W. McKee has been home for a few days.

Rev. B. N. Stone was in Bridgton, last week, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bacon.

Thomas Ward returns to Orono, this week, where he is attending the University of Maine.

The ladies of the Congregational Society are preparing an entertainment consisting of "The District School."

The Chautauque Circle met with Mrs. E. E. Hastings, Monday evening. The subject of the programme was "Rome in Pliny's Time."

The young ladies of the academy who are to assist in the athletic exhibition are being fitted by Miss S. M. Locke, assistant teacher in the school.

If any one has news we would be pleased to have them send it to the office or hand it to our Fryeburg correspondent. Always sign your name.

FRYEBURG CENTER.

Russell Brickett is peddling beef about town, this winter.

Sam'l Wiggis is at North Chatham, logging for Richard Chandler.

David Chandler of North Fryeburg is Master of the Grange, this year.

E. W. Burbank has a housekeeper and boards at home. He is well liked as a merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gould of Hiram were in the place, a short time since, calling upon old friends.

Mrs. Will Howard is recovered from her illness, and is able to take her meals with her family.

Mrs. J. E. Hutchins was called to Springvale, a few days since, by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Harmon.

E. G. Pynn Perry, M. D., who has been in Manchester, N. H., the past four months, returned to her home in this place. She is having her novel, "The Broken Place, or The Fool's Revenge," published in book form in Manchester.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Mrs. G. E. Stevens has some pretty plants.

Eugene Richardson has been up to Ransom Falls, this week.

Geo. and Carl Packard are hauling poplar to West Paris.

Our saw mill has a forlorn aspect. Wonder if it is the Dingley tariff?

It has been mighty cold weather for a fellow to go a courting a great distance.

Wilfred Wallace Kimball is a very active bright boy, and Mr. Kimball, sr., is a proud father.

Gladys Becker of Sumner is here occasionally assisting in the care of her mother, Lora McKee.

Roscoe Tuell is hauling wood to West Paris. We understand Al. Marshall and Ad. Buckman also have some to haul.

At the last lecture at Chase schoolhouse the question, Resolved, that it does not pay to raise sweet corn at present prices, was decided in the affirmative. Among those who participated were Quimby Perham, Leon Cushman, Hannu Cushman sent his argument over on paper, being unable to appear in person. This question will be discussed, Tuesday of this week, at Bryant's Pond Pomona Grange.

Farmers' Institutes.

Farmers' Institutes have been arranged with program as follows:

Man's Hall, Casco, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 10-30 a. m.—"Crop and Stock Production," by Sec. B. W. McKee.

3-30 p. m.—"Stock Fodders and Methods of Feeding," by Prof. Chas. D. Woods, Orono.

7-30 p. m.—"A talk on 'The History and Advantages of Railroads,' by John J. Frye of Portland, member of the Board of Cumberland County, followed by a talk on 'Home Grown Cattle Fodds,' by Sec. B. W. McKee.

Grange Hall, Waterford, Wed. Feb. 9, 10-30 a. m.—"Crop and Stock Production," by Sec. B. W. McKee.

3-30 p. m.—"Stock Fodders and Methods of Feeding," by Prof. Chas. D. Woods.

7-30 p. m.—"Effect of Width of Tire on Draft of Wagons and Condition of Roads," Prof. Woods.

Grange Hall, Peru, Fri., Feb. 11, 10-30 a. m.—"Crop and Stock Production," by Sec. B. W. McKee.

1-30 p. m.—"Stock Fodders and Methods of Feeding," Prof. Woods.

GREENWOOD.

Leona Penley is recovering from quite a severe attack of pneumonia.

School in District No. 5 commenced, Jan. 24, Herbert Bacon, teacher.

Ellie Cole is boarding at E. W. Penley's and attending school in that district.

Mrs. S. B. Swan is quite ill from the effects of a paralytic shock. Mrs. Lemuel Dunham is caring for her.

Mrs. Hattie Packard of Canton is stopping with her father, Augustus Noyes. Mr. Noyes still continues in very poor health.

School in District No. 8 closed, Jan. 22, taught by Alton Bacon of Woodstock. Tuesday evening the school and a few assisting friends gave an entertainment at the school house. The following is the program:

Reading.....Fifth Reader Class
Declaration.....Dannie Bryant
Declaration.....Merton Titus
Dialogue, How Jim Peters Died.....Annie Davis, Alton Bacon
Music.....Roy Titus, Dannie Bryant
Recitation.....Mamie Brooks
Dialogue, How Uncle Josh Disposed of the Family Broke.....Annie Davis, Alton Bacon, Nellie Titus.
Declaration.....Geo. Jenkins
Recitation.....Myrtle Brooks
Declaration.....Ralph Bacon
Singing four darkies.....Dannie Bryant, Roy Titus, Wesley Waterhouse, Merton Titus.

Advertised Letters, Norway.

Gwendolyn Stearns, W. N. Carver,
Roscoe Frost, A. A. Jackman,
E. E. Jewett, P. B. Young,
Peter Dumar.

SNOWS FALLS.

Mrs. G. A. Jackson is on the sick list. Ina L. Curtis is at work at South Paris for Percy Lowell.